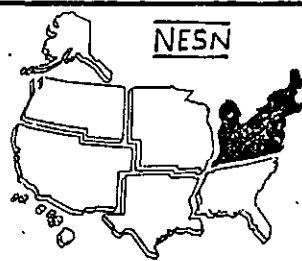


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READER PROFILE

ROBERT S. MATTSON, "Scott" to his friends, is extremely busy at this time of year. Scott is attending parades, housings and "wet-downs" of fire apparatus. If any of you know what a "fire buff" is, Scott is certainly one of those!! His subscriptions to a dozen or so fire-matic magazines enable him to get advance schedules of parades and other activities of interest to him. By the end of March, or so, Scott has his itinerary prepared for the entire Spring, ~~Summer and part of the Fall week-ends.~~ At each housing or wet-down, Scott takes 35 mm. color slides of the fire trucks for showing to members of his "other hobby" later in the year.

Scott also collects souvenir mugs, porcelain or ceramic, imprinted with the date, the event and often with an outline of a fire truck. His collection of over 400 mugs is impressive but quite a storage problem.

Our reader works for a firm that makes complicated "widgets" for use in helicopters. He lives in Point Pleasant, N. J. (Ocean County) and is editor of "CONTACT/INFO WANTED for RCMA.

In his spare time, Scott corresponds with many friends around the country and is active in a group quite similar to GRMS but a bit less formally run. Scott uses a Bearcat 800XLT. plus BC-300 and a Regency HX-1000. He also has another half-dozen or so scanners which he seems to continually be trading, buying and/or selling, so we cannot give you his exact list of radios at any one time! Back issues of RCMA show his mobile units and many articles he has written.

Scott also uses a Mobile unit with outside antenna.

THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

HANK ROSE (NJLV-01) sent us twelve (12) typed pages covering the New Jersey State Police, their assignments, car numbering, frequencies, plans for the future, etc. He sent it to us to preview and remark on as he plans to submit it to RCMA.

Hank's article is the last word in NJSP information. Of course, we just don't have the space in our newsletter to do it justice. We would, however, like to give you some highlights from it.

Forget the 800 MHz for a while, gang!!...The overall radio system (Motorola) just doesn't seem to work consistently enough according to Hank's information. (And a lot of this information is right from the horse's mouth!!)...Dead spots between repeaters, etc are causing a monumental headache for all concerned. The repeater towers are in place and the 800 MHz radios are in the NJSP squad cars (or is it Troop cars?), but the NJSP still are using the "old" system for just about all of their communications!! All those connected with this system, or non-system, are disgusted and the State of New Jersey has gone on record that they will not pay for the system until after it has been in satisfactory operation for at least one year!!

One very important thing about all this is that the system will employ Motorola's DVP, which we had not known of prior to Hank's article. Watch for Hank's article in an up-coming issue of RCMA....Hint: Don't try 45.82, 44.90, 44.80, 39.76, 39.80, 39.82, 39.84, 39.92 as none of these are currently in use.